WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A stackable crate for holding and transporting products comprising:

a side wall integrally formed with a bottom surface, the side wall formed so that at least a portion of an opening in the crate has a larger dimension than the bottom surface; and

a drag rail formed on an underside portion of the bottom surface, wherein a portion of an inner surface of the side wall is formed to reduce the dimension of the crate opening in at least one selected area so as to provide a tighter fit with a drag rail of a crate stacked thereon.

2. The crate of claim 1 wherein the side wall is joined to another side wall to form a corner, and the at least one selected area comprises the corner.

3. The crate of claim 1 wherein the at least one selected area comprises an upper edge area of the side wall.

4. The crate of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of side walls formed as an open-top box having four corners, wherein the at least one selected area comprises an upper portion of each side wall at each corner.

5. The crate of claim 1 wherein the side wall tapers outwardly from a vertical plane as the side wall extends upwardly from the bottom surface to enlarge a top opening of the crate, and the at least one selected area comprises a portion of the inner surface of the side wall formed without taper.

6. The crate of claim 1 wherein the side wall tapers outwardly from a vertical plane as the side wall extends upwardly from the bottom surface to

enlarge a top opening of the crate, and the at least one selected area comprises a portion of the inner surface of the side wall formed with reduced taper.

7. A crate for holding and transporting products comprising:

a side wall integrally formed with a bottom surface; and

a drag rail formed on an underside portion of the bottom surface, wherein an inner surface of the side wall is formed to position at least a portion of the side wall over the drag rail.

8. The crate of claim 7, wherein the inner side wall surface is formed as a variable radius blend into the bottom surface sufficient to position a portion of the side wall over the drag rail.

9. The crate of claim 7 wherein the side wall is joined to another side wall to form a corner, and the inner side wall surface is contoured at a lower surface of the corner so as to extend over the drag rail.

10. The crate of claim 7 wherein the inner side wall surface is formed at a lower edge area proximate each vertically extending end of the side wall with an inwardly extending taper.

11. The crate of claim 7 further comprising a plurality of side walls formed as an open-top box having four corners, wherein a lower portion of each side wall at the corner is formed to position a portion of each side wall over the drag rail.

12. The crate of claim 7 wherein the side wall is integrally formed with the bottom surface so that at least a portion of an opening in the crate has a larger dimension than the bottom surface, and another portion of an inner surface of the side wall is formed to reduce the dimension of the crate opening in at least

one selected area so as to provide a tighter fit with a drag rail of a crate stacked thereon.

13. The crate of claim 12 wherein the side wall is joined to another side wall to form a corner, and the at least one selected area comprises the corner.

14. The crate of claim 12 wherein the at least one selected area comprises an upper edge area of the side wall.

15. The crate of claim 12 further comprising a plurality of side walls formed as an open-top box having four corners, wherein the at least one selected area comprises an upper portion of each side wall at each corner.

16. A method of forming a stackable crate for holding and transporting products comprising:

forming a side wall with a bottom surface so that at least a portion of an opening in the crate has a larger dimension than the bottom surface;

forming a drag rail on an underside portion of the bottom surface; and

contouring the inner surface of the side wall to reduce the dimension of the crate opening in at least one selected area so as to provide a tighter fit with a drag rail when a crate is stacked thereon.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein forming a side wall comprises forming a pair of side walls joined together at a corner, and contouring the inner surface of each side wall to reduce the dimension of the crate opening proximate the corner.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein the selected portion of the crate opening comprises an upper edge area proximate each vertically extending end of the side wall.

19. The method of claim 16 wherein forming a side wall comprises forming an open-top box having four corners, and contouring the inner surface of each side wall at an upper portion of each corner to reduce the dimension of the crate opening.

20. A method of forming a crate for holding and transporting products comprising:

integrally forming a side wall with a bottom surface;

forming a drag rail on an underside portion of the bottom surface; and

contouring an inner surface of the side wall into the bottom surface so as to position at least a portion of the side wall over the drag rail.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein contouring the inner side wall surface comprises molding a portion with a variable radius blend to extend the side wall over the drag rail.

22. The method of claim 20 wherein forming a side wall comprises forming a pair of side walls joined together at a corner, and contouring the inner surface of each side wall at a lower surface of the corner to extend the side wall over the drag rail.

23. The method of claim 20 further comprising contouring the inner side wall surface with an inward taper at a lower edge area proximate each vertically extending end of the side wall.

24. The method of claim 20 wherein forming a side wall comprises forming an open-top box having four corners, and contouring the inner surface of each side wall at a lower portion of each corner to extend over the drag rail.